

**Words to Watch**

# Grucci and Kuspit Consider Conformity

By JERRIE MARKOS

This week's question takes on an abstract character as "Words to Watch" explores the problem "Is modern conformity dangerous?" Our guests today are Dr. Joseph L. Grucci, associate professor of English composition and Dr. Donald B. Kuspit, instructor of philosophy.

"Conformity is a failure of either mind or character," Grucci said. Very often, he continued, it indicates an opportunistic nature, that of the organization man, the slick operator who is out for the main chance.

## LaVie Selects Junior Board

The 1960 LaVie has announced the promotion of the following students to the Junior Board:

Joanne Aluse, Jean Bastian, Mary Jean DePiante, Mari Frank, Diane Gumber, Patty Glass, Karen Hafer, Tom Hamer, Cynthia Hawkins, Mary Houser, Judy Howe, Eleanor Hummer, Carol Igoe, Barbara Kunkle, Andrea Langen, Sally Leight, Marney McMillen, Alice Leight, Sue Pohland, Jane Prutzman, Barbara Reber, Cathy Reigel, Maurine Symington, Kathy Treat.

The following students have been promoted to the Sophomore Board: Patsy Baker, Nancy Barnhart, Betty Chorba, Sue Christian, Jeanne Dughie, Lynne Englebach, Carolyn Greer, Beth Hewetson, Gwenn Hilburn, Julie Hill, Sara Marcovitch, Susan Marion, Mary Lou Marpel, Nancy McMinn, Joan Ostovich, Paula Petersen, Carol Roland, Jean Ruhl, Jeanne Rushin, Judy Travis, Marv Ann Weaver, Liz Weihe, Sharon Wright, Barbara Englehard.

## Brody Awarded Grant For Atmospheric Study

Louis Brody, senior in meteorology from Laconia, N.H., was awarded a \$4000 graduate fellowship by the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research.

Nine fellowships were awarded after a nation-wide competition, based on the student's collegiate record, recommendations and a paper describing plans for graduate work.

Another student, John B. Hovermale, senior in meteorology from Washington, D.C., was chosen second alternate in the competition.

Grucci went on to say that sometimes the conformist is simply a person who wants to be popular. Strong persons are never conformists. They never care what others think so long as they are convinced that what they think and do is humanly just, he said.

Usually rebels are not popular, Grucci said, but conformists are only imitation people. They are multiplications of a monotonous image, he added, and as insipid as the coney verse on a birthday card.

Conformity, Kuspit said, seems to imply a pledge of allegiance to an unspecified norm without justified authority. Consequently, he said, there is a loss of the grounding of selfhood.

The final effect of conformity seems to turn the conforming man into an ignorant and otherwise conscienceless creature and it diffuses his humanity to an undisciplined bundle of nerves, Kuspit said.

There is a flattening of selfhood into a completely public mode, he said. The very instability of the conformist norm, Kuspit concluded, distorts the character into a bewildered aggrandisement — an unconscious chaos.

## 3 Seniors to Present Papers at Conference

Three seniors in aeronautical engineering will represent the University in the presentation of papers at the Northeastern Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences student conference at Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, N.Y., Saturday.

The students and the titles of their papers are Ronald Nutter, Erie, "Man's Tolerance to G Forces"; Richard Wible, Huntingdon, "A Design Method for STOL Aircraft" and John Castor, Pottstown, "A Study of the Maximum Lift Coefficients of Thin Airfoils with Large Camber."

## Harvard Prof To Give Talk

Dr. Eugene G. Rochow, professor of chemistry at Harvard University, will deliver the annual Priestley Lecture Series April 25 to 29.

The general subject for the five lectures will be "Unnatural Products: New and Useful Materials from Silicon."

Rochow, educated at Cornell University, has served on the Harvard faculty since 1948. He has been engaged in research on organosilicon compounds, silicones and related compounds of germanium and tin.

The 34th Priestley Lecture Series is dedicated to the late Dr. Wheeler P. Davey who inaugurated the series in 1926 as a memorial to Joseph Priestley's life.

## Women's Group To Attend 'Dark'

Tomorrow night's performance of the Players' "The Dark at the Top of the Stairs" has been sold out to the American Association of University Women.

A limited amount of tickets for Saturday night's performance is on sale at the Hetzel Union desk and will be sold at the door.

A special performance of the play was given Tuesday night to the Steelworkers Alumni Institute whose members are attending a conference at the University this week.

The play is based on conflicts among the members of the Flood family who live in a small Oklahoma town during the 1920 oil boom. Conflicts of the society in which the family lives also affect its life.

## Selective Service Test

All students who plan to take the Selective Service College Qualification test must have their applications postmarked no later than midnight tonight. The forms may be picked up in the dean of men's office.

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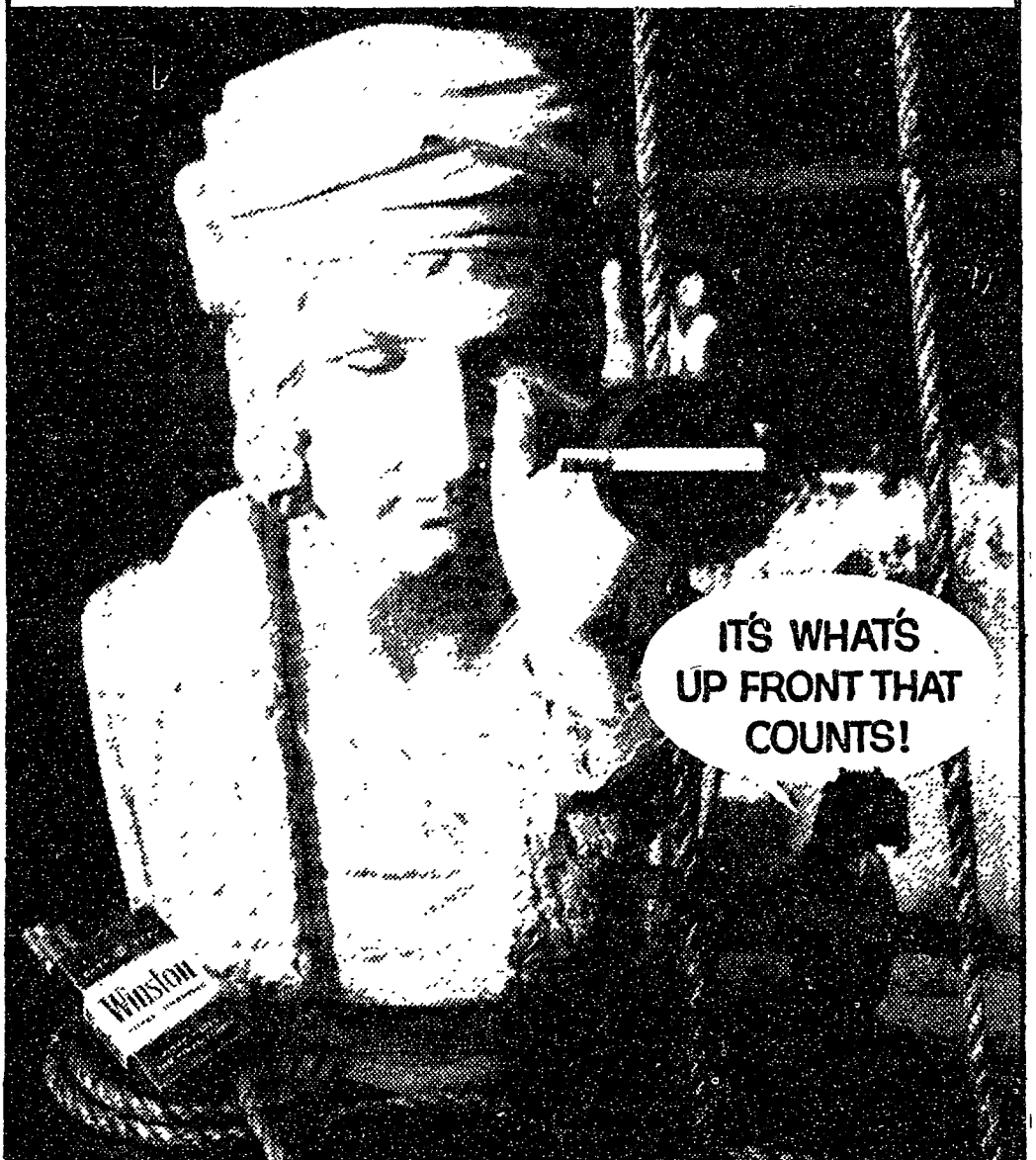
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